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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0579

E. O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PFOR, PINR, MOPS, LY, MT, UK
SUBJECT: LARAF ATTACK ON U. S. AIRCRAFT

REF: VALLETTA 0570

1. DATT HAS RECEIVED FROM RAF FOLLOWING TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE RECORDING OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AIRCRAFT AND RAF, MALTA.

TIME CALLSIGN TEXT

0800 H32 MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, GIVE ME A POSITION.
MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, THIS IS H32, THIS
IS H32, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY.

MAD H32 STEER 010 OVER

H32 STEER 010
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0801 MAD APPROXIMATELY 100 MILES SOUTH OF MALTA

0801 H32 H32 DO YOU HAVE ANY FIGHTER INTERCEPT H32

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MAD TWO UNIDENTIFIED TWO MARAGES. CORRECTION
TWO MIRAGES.

MAD HAVE RADAR CONTACT

H32 REQUEST AID IMMEDIATELY

MAD ROGER 32

A/ C INTERCOM HEY THERE GET YOUR PARACHUTES ON, YOU GUYS
BETTER GET STRAPPED DOWN HUH*
ROGER MIRAGE

0802 MAD H32 STEER 360

MAD H32 RADIO CHECK

0803 MAD H32 RADIO CHECK

H32 WE ARE PRESENTLY 4,000 FEET DESCENDING,
HEADING 010

H32 WE HAVE BEEN FIRED UPON BY - FADED - WE
ARE NOT SURE - AT THIS TIME.

MAD ROGER 32 WE STILL HAVE YOU RADAR CONTACT
90 MILES FROM MALTA.

H32 LEVELLING 2,000 FT

MAD STEER 010

H32 REQUEST STEER

MAD SAY AGAIN LAST MESSAGE VERY WEAK.

H32 ROGER SIR, REQUEST STEER AT THIS TIME
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MAD YOUR STEER FOR MALTA 360 RANGE 90 MILES

0804 H32 ROGER WE HAVE BEEN FIRED ON BY LIBYAN
MIRAGES I' D SAY APPROXIMATELY 50 ROUNDS.

MAD THAT' S COPIED THEY ARE BREAKING AWAY NOW.

H32 ROGER THANK YOU

MAD WE HAVE LOST YOU RADAR CONTACT THIS TIME.
THEY APPEAR TO HAVE BOTH BROKEN AWAY PORT

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HEADING 160.

0805 MAD WE HAVE LOST YOU RADAR CONTACT THIS TIME.

H32 ROGER

MAD ESTIMATE THE LIBYAN MIRAGES ABOUT 10-12 MILES SOUTH. YOU ARE CLEAR TO CLIMB.

MAD H32 WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS.

0806 MAD H32 RADIO CHECK

H32 WILL BE PROCEEDING NORTHWARD AND PICKING UP A RACK AFTER I GET MY BEARINGS FIXED.

MAD ROGER H32 RADAR CONTACT THIS TIME - ESTIMATE YOUR BEARING FROM MALTA 170 RANGE 80 MILES.

H32 ROGER WE ARE ABOUT 2500 FEET.

MAP H32 THIS IS MALTA APPROACH HOW DO YOU HEAR

H32 READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR SIR

MAP WE HAVE DF ON YOU STEER 360, 360 FOR MALTA.

0807 H32 ROGER STEER 360 THANK YOU

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0808 MAP H32 WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS, DO YOU WISH TO COME HERE OR WILL YOU BE PRESSING ON.

H32 WE WILL BE PRESSING ON AND AFTER CROSSING THE ROMA FIR WE WILL BE PROCEEDING TO VICTOR ALPHA ONE FOXTROT AND FROM THERE AKRO ATHENE

MAP NOW STEER FOR LUQA STILL 360

MAP WHAT IS YOUR ULTIMATE DESTINATION OR YOUR BASE.

0809 H32 WE WILL BE GOING TO ATHENE ATHENS GREECE.

MAP COULD YOU SPELL, SPELL, THE NAME PLEASE.

H32 LGAT SIR LGAT IF YOU IDENTIFY

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MAP ROGER THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL ADVISE WHEN RADAR CONTACT. MALTA QNH IS 30.32 INCHES

H32 30.32 THANK YOU

MAP STEER FOR LUQA NOW IS 010

0810 MAD H32 WE HAVE YOU RADAR CONTACT THIS TIME

H32 ROGER. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER UNIDENTIFIED TRAFFIC.

MAD STANDBY H32

0811 MAD H32 NEGATIVE

0811 H32 THANK YOU ROGER

H32 DO YOU HAVE/ ARE YOU SURE YOU DON' T HAVE ANY OTHER TRAFFIC AROUND.

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MAD H32 THAT IS AFFIRMATIVE

MAD H32 WE HAVE ONE OVER FLIER TO BENINA AT FL 320

081 2 H32 ROGER

MAD H32 45 MILES SOUTH OF MALTA

0813 H32 MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, THIS IS H32 THEY' RE COMING AFTER US AGAIN SIR WE NEED SOME HELP IF YOU' VE GOT IT.

MAD WE HAVE NO MORE CONTACTS IN YOUR AREA ESTIMATE YOUR BEARING FROM MALTA 010/40

MAD H32 CHECK YOUR HEADING

H32 HEADING 360

MAD ROGER H32 NO OTHER CONTACTS

H32 DO YOU HAVE US A POSITIVE RADAR CONTACT MALTA

MAD H32 CHECK HEADING 360

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H32 ROGER 360

MAD RADAR CONTACT - YOU' RE BEARING TO MALTA 010 RANGE 40. WE HAVE NO OTHER CONTACTS IN THE AREA.

0814 H32 MALTA WE HAVE YOU ON RADAR - DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY THIS TIME

MAP NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE THIS IS MALTA APPROACH NO OTHER AIRCRAFT IN VICINITY AND WE HAVE YOU RADAR CONTACT 30 MILES SOUTH OF LUQA

H32 ROGER THANK YOU - WE ARE HEADING INTO LUQA
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MAP ROGER. WILL YOU BE LANDING WITH US.

H32 THAT IS NEGATIVE AT THIS TIME - OVER

MAP ROGER - WHAT HEIGHT WILL YOU BE OVER-FLYING LUQA.

H32 WE WILL BE THERE IN APPROXIMATELY 7 MINUTES.

MAP ROGER H32 - WE HAVE YOU RADAR CONTACT, WHAT ALTITUDE ARE YOU FLYING AT THE MOMENT, THIS IS FOR SEPARATION IF WE HAVE OTHER AIRCRAFT.

H32 AT THE PRESENT TIME PLEASE WE ARE BEING INTERCEPTED BY UNIDENTIFIED FIGHTERS RIGHT NOW.

MAP WE HAVE YOU CONTACT BUT WE HAVE NO CONTACT OF ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT IN YOUR VICINITY AT THE MOMENT.

H32 ROGER THANK YOU AND WE ARE ABOVE TRANS-ITION ALTITUDE.

MAP WHAT IS YOUR ALTITUDE AT THE MOMENT.

H32 5,000 FT

0815 MAP TURN RIGHT 40 DEGREES FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS AND THEN RESUME ORIGINAL HEADING FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. GETZ
UNQUOTE ROGERS

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